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Report on the 1st IBSSA World Martial Arts Festival 7 – 9 December 2001, Mestre/Venice, Italy and IBSSA Board of Directors' meeting

Sir George POPPER – Executive President of IBSSA and Dr. Fritz WENDLAND – Honorary Founding Member of IBSSA, President of World Karate Confederation were invited as special guests to the 1st World Martial Arts Festival, which was held between 7 – 9 December 2001 in Mestre/Venice, Italy. Many other IBSSA leaders were also present due their other positions and the occasion was used for meetings and discussions.

Attendees:

Dr. George POPPER, K.C.M. (HUN)	Executive President of IBSSA
Dr. Fritz WENDLAND (GER)	President of World Karate Confederation (WKC)
Dr. Giacomo Spartaco BERTOLETTI, K.M. (ITA)	1 st Vice-President of IBSSA, President of World Ju Jitsu Kobudo Organisation (WJJKO), Vice-President of International Budo Academy
Dr. Rony KLUGER, K.M. (ISR)	General Secretary of IBSSA, Dean of International Budo Academy, Head of the Israeli System of Military Self Defense KRAV MAGA
Dr. Eriks GRINBERGS (LAT)	Country Representative of IBSSA for Latvia, Chairman of Legal Department of IBSSA
Dr. Giuseppe MORABITO, G.C.K.M. (ITA)	IBSSA Master Teacher, Chairman of Diplomatic Department of IBSSA
Mr. Maik FARAONE, K.C.M. (ITA)	IBSSA Master Teacher
Mr. Givi SINJIKASHVILI (GEO)	Country Representative of IBSSA for Georgia
Mr. Bogdan VUKOSAVLJEVIC (SVN)	Country Representative of IBSSA for Slovenia
Mr. Constantin BUZATU, K.M. (ROM)	IBSSA Romania Vice-President
Mr. Iulian MOISESCU (ROM)	Country Representative of IBSSA for Romania
Mr. Michal POLCAK and Mr. George HRABAL	Delegation from the Czech Republic
Mr. Pham Xuan TONG (FRA)	Honorary member of IBSSA

The 1st IBSSA World Martial Arts Festival was a great success and a very professional event highlighted by clinics run by famous high ranked Masters, and Dan examinations were organized in Budo disciplines. The Festival included Karate do, Jujitsu, Semi contact and Full contact Fighting, Kata (separated to styles), Kobudo Kata, Traditional and free demonstrations competitions. More than 1500 competitors participated at the Festival, representing 20 countries of the world.

It is remarkable, that about 100 contestants arrived from Israel including 20 Israeli Arab students. The Yugoslavian Team with approximately 70 competitors was very successful and high standard.

Program of the Festival:

Prior to the competitions an International Convention was held on the 7th December 2001 (Friday) at 5.00 PM in Hotel Ramada with active participation of the Local Press, TV representatives and also contestants of the Martial Arts World Championships. The title of this conference was:

“Culture, Art, Sport: the role of Martial Arts inside the society”

Rapporteurs at the press conference were:

Dr. Giacomo Spartaco BERTOLETTI (Italy); Prof. Robert CLARK (Great Britain); Dr. George POPPER (Hungary); Dr. Fritz WENDLAND (Germany); Dr. Rony KLUGER (Israel); Dr. Ennio FALSONI (Italy) and Dr. Daniele LAZZARINI (Italy)

After the press conference at 8.30 PM in “Da Bepi Venesian” Restaurant a **Budo Party** took place with convivial dinner – opened to everybody. It was a great occasion for masters, managers and competitors to stay together and get acquainted with each other.

On the **8th December 2001 (Saturday)** at Palasport Taliercio of Mestre there were approximately 800 participants at the Karate and about 50 contestants at the Kobudo World Championships. The Championships started with the Kata competitions and was followed by the Kumite.

Meanwhile from 3.00 PM to 6.00 PM at the Gymnasium Istituto Salesiano S. Marco a “**JU JITSU & QWANKIDO**” Training Seminar was held with the participation of about 300 people.

Teachers: Soke Robert CLARK, M^o Giacomo S. BERTOLETTI, M^o Pham Xuan TONG and M^o Roberto VISMARA

Instructors Seniores Ju Jitsu: Maurizio SILVESTRI; Stefano MANCINI, Roberto DE RONZI; Massimo Curti GIARDINA; Giancarlo KOLIOTASSIS; Fabrizio LAZZARIN, Gianni RONCHINI.

On the **9th December 2001 (Sunday)** about 300 competitors participated at the Kickboxing World Championship at Palasport Taliercio of Mestre, which was organized for the members of FIKeda – WAKO and conventional corporations with Semi contact and Light contact competitions.

During this competition from 10.00 AM to 1.00 PM at the Gymnasium Istituto Salesiano S. Marco a “**KARATE & KOBUDO**” Training Seminar was organized by M^o Daniele BOFFELLI, Karate; M^o Rony KLUGER, Okinawa Karatedo and Kobudo. The seminar was about “how to improve the practice: physical lows and the common foundations in the different styles, from the Okinawa origins to the new advanced proposals...” and approximately 100 people attended the event.

Dr. Fritz WENDLAND – President of WKC, Honorary Founding Member of IBSSA, Dr. George POPPER – Executive President of IBSSA and Dr. Giacomo S. BERTOLETTI – 1st Vice-President of IBSSA, handed over the medals and cups to the winners.

Each contestant of the 1st World Martial Arts Festival and Championships – who participated at the Karate or Kickboxing competition and filled out the registration form – will receive an IBSSA International Sport Federation membership card free for the year 2002. The Festival finished with the regards of Mr. Michele MOGNATO, Vice-Mayor of Venice.

At the end of the competitions – both Saturday and Sunday – there was a real show with demonstrations of all the disciplines, with the participation of approximately 30 different groups, masters and international guests. The show started at 9.00 PM on Saturday, and at 8.00 PM on Sunday.

During the Championships – as an intermezzo – Dr. Alexander CACH – Country Representative of IBSSA for Czech Republic, President of the Czech Karate Federation was awarded 5th Dan Karate Do from International Budo Academy. The Diploma was presented to his representative Mr. George HRABAL. Soke Robert CLARK was awarded Master of Arts – BUDO (IBA) on this particular occasion for his high level of work done on the field of Budo. The Diplomas were handed over to them by Dr. George POPPER – Executive President of IBSSA, Dr. Rony KLUGER – General Secretary of IBSSA, Dean of International Budo Academy and Dr. Giacomo S. BERTOLETTI – 1st Vice-President of IBSSA, Vice-President of International Budo Academy.

After the successful Karate and Kick boxing Championships and professional demonstrations some of the contestants and the guests participated at a very good farewell party.

Dr. George POPPER expressed his congratulation and special thanks to Dr. Ennio FALSONI – President of World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO), to Dr. Daniele LAZZARINI and especially to Dr. Giacomo Spartaco BERTOLETTI – 1st Vice-President of IBSSA and inventor of the Festival for the successful organization of this event.

Meeting of the Board of Directors of IBSSA:

Dr. George POPPER (HUN) – Executive President of IBSSA, Dr. Giacomo Spartaco BERTOLETTI (ITA) – 1st Vice-President of IBSSA and Dr. Rony KLUGER (ISR) – General Secretary of IBSSA informed the present leaders of IBSSA about the forthcoming events of the Association.

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